CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method of providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a computer network, comprising the steps of:

transmitting race entry data through a computer network to a user terminal, wherein said race entry data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race entry data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of scheduled races at each of said tracks, and a listing of original entries in each of said races;

transmitting race program data through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race program data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race program data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of currently scheduled races at each of said tracks, and a listing of current entries in each of said races;

transmitting live odds through said computer network to said user terminal for races included within said race program data which are open for wagering and for which live odds are available, wherein said live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal; and

updating through said computer network said live odds transmitted to said user terminal at predetermined time intervals, wherein said updated live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein said race program data further comprises a program number and post position for each current entry in each of said races.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein said race entry data further comprises morning line odds for said original entries.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein said race entry data further comprises an original jockey for each original entry and an original trainer for each original entry, and said race

3   program data further comprises a current jockey for each current entry and a current

4   trainer for each current entry.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of transmitting a listing at of

2   least one past performance product, at least one handicapping product, or at least one tip

3   selection product, or a combination thereof, to said user terminal through said computer

4   network, wherein said listing is displayed to said user, and prompting said user to select at

5   least one product from said listing, wherein a request for a selected product is transmitted

6   by said user terminal through said computer network.

1   6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of charging a credit card of

2   said user, a wagering account of said user, or a promotional account of said user if said

3   user requests any of said products.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of transmitting a list of races

2   that have not yet been run through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein

3   said list of races is displayed to said user by said user terminal, prompting said user to

4   place a mock wager on at least on of said listed races, comparing a selected mock wager

5   with results of said races, and awarding a prize to said user based on said comparison.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of transmitting results data

2   through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said results data include a

3   listing of a plurality of race tracks, a listing of completed races at said tracks, and the

4   finish order for entries in said races and payoffs for said entries.

1   9.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting results data

2   said currently scheduled races to said user terminal through said computer network after

3   said currently scheduled races have been made official, said results data including the

4   finish order of entries from said races and payoffs for said entries, wherein said racing

5   data are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   10.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting a listing of a

2   plurality of tracks and weather conditions for said tracks to said user terminal through

3   said computer network, wherein said listing and weather conditions are displayed to said

4   user by said user terminal.

1   11.   The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of causing updated weather

2   conditions for said parks to be displayed by said user terminal at predetermined time

3   intervals.

    12.   The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting forecasted

    weather conditions for said tracks to said user terminal, wherein said forecasted weather

    conditions are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

    13.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting race contest

    news articles to said user terminal through said computer network, wherein said race

    contest news articles are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   14.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to

2   search archived race contest news articles, wherein search results for a search selected by

3   said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal, prompting said user to select an

4   archived race contest news article from said search results, and transmitting an archived

5   race contest news article selected by said user through said computer network to said user

6   terminal, wherein said selected archived race news article is displayed to said user by said

7   user terminal.

1   15.   The method of claim 1, wherein said program data includes post times for said

2   currently scheduled races, the method further comprising the steps of prompting said user

3   to select a time zone for displaying post times for said currently scheduled races and

4   causing said post times for said currently scheduled races to be expressed in a selected

5   time zone when displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   16.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of prompting said user to

2   select a country before transmitting said race entry data and said race program data, said

3   transmitted race entry data and said transmitted race program data identifying races from

4   a country selected by said user.

1   17.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

       transmitting through said computer network to said user terminal a search board,

wherein said search board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said search

board prompting said user to select a search of said race program data and said race entry

data for races having entries including a horse, jockey, or trainer, or combination thereof

selected by said user; and

       transmitting through said computer network to said user terminal results of a

search selected by said user, wherein said results are displayed to said user by said user

terminal, said results identifying races including a horse, jockey, or trainer entries, or

10   combination thereof, selected by said user in said search.

1   18.   The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of causing said search results

2   to be organizable by track, date, race, class, purse, distance, surface, simulcast track, post

3   position, post time, horse, weight, claim amount, equipment, medication, jockey, trainer,

4   morning line odds, or horse owner, or combination thereof.

1   19.   The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to

2   select a horse, a jockey, or a trainer from said search results and transmitting statistical

3   data for a horse, jockey, or trainer selected by said user through said computer network to

4   said user terminal, wherein said statistical data are displayed to said user by said user

5   terminal.

1   20.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal,

3   wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board

4   including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

5   prompting said user to search said listing for races having at least one race

6   characteristic; and

7   causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected

8   by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to

9   said user by said user terminal.

1   21.   The method of claim 20, wherein said race characteristic race includes race class,

2   race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-

3   time, track name, purse name, race number, restrictions, claim minimum, claim

4   maximum, chute, simulcast, or combination thereof.

1   22.   The method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to

2   organize said search results according to at least one of said race characteristics and

3   causing said search results to be organizable by said race characteristic selected by said

4   user, wherein search results organized by a race characteristic selected by said user are

5   displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   23.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal,

3   wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board

4   including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

5   prompting said user to organize said listing by at least one race characteristic; and

6   causing said listing to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user,

7   wherein said race board organized by a race characteristic selected by said user is

8   displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   24.   The method of claim 23, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race

2   sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-

3   time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim

4   maximum, chute, or simulcast.

1   25.   The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of prompting said user to

2   search said listing for races having at least one of said race characteristic and causing said

3   listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected by said user,

4   wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by

5   said user terminal.

1   26.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   prompting said user to select a date within a predefined time period;

3   transmitting a track board through said computer network to said user terminal,

4   wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board

5   including a listing of tracks and a listing of races at said tracks for a date selected by said

6   user;

7   distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as completed, open

8   for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

9   prompting said user to select a race from a track in said listing;

10   displaying results data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user

11   terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

12   displaying said race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with

13   said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

14   displaying said race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with

15   said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

1   27.   The method of claims 26, further comprising the steps of updating the statuses of

2   said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.

1   28.   The method of claim 26, wherein said statuses are distinguished by color.

29.   The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of distinguishing said races

from each other to said user by status as closed for wagering with no results available,

open for wagering with live odds available, and open for wagering with no live odds

available.

30.   The method of claim 29, further comprising the steps of transmitting live odds to

said user terminal through said computer network if the status of said selected race is

open for wagering with live odds available, wherein said live odds are displayed to said

user by said user terminal, and updating said live odds at predetermined time intervals.

1   31.   A method of wagering on a contest, comprising the steps of:

2   transmitting a listing of at least one contest which has not been completed through

3   a computer network to a user terminal, wherein said listing is displayed to a user by said

4   user terminal;

5   prompting said user with said user terminal to select a contest from said listing;

6   prompting said user with said user terminal to select a wager on a contest selected

7   by said user;

8   generating a code representing a wager selected by said user, wherein said code is

9   displayed to said user by said user terminal; and

10   receiving said code representing said wager with a telephone wagering system.

1   32.   The method of claim 31, wherein said code is an interactive voice response code

2   and said telephone wagering system includes an interactive voice response wagering

3   system.

1   33.   The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of entering said interactive

2   voice response code into a keypad of a touch tone telephone connected to said interactive

3   voice response wagering system.

1   34.   The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of receiving said interactive

2   voice response code with said telephone wagering system through said computer network,

3   converting said interactive voice response code into analog tones representing said code,

4   and inputting said tones into said interactive voice response wagering system to register

5   said wager.

1   35   The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of costing a wager selected

2   by said user represented by said code, wherein a cost of said wage is displayed to said

3   user by said user terminal.

1   36.   The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of transmitting live odds for

2   said a contest selected by said user through said computer network to said user terminal,

3   wherein said live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   37.   The method of claim 36, further comprising the step of transmitting opening odds

2   for said contest through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said

3   opening odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   38.   The method of claim 31, wherein said contest is a horse racing contest, a dog

2   racing contest, an automobile racing contest, a basketball contest, a football contest, a

3   soccer contest, a hockey contest, a baseball contest, a golf contest, a tennis contest, or a

4   jaialai contest.

1   39.   The method of claim 31, further comprising the steps of prompting said user with

2   said user terminal through said computer network to select a contest and transmitting

3   video of a contest selected by said user to said user terminal through said computer

4   network, wherein said video is displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   40.   The method of claim 39, wherein said video is a stored prerecorded video clip of

2   said selected contest.

1   41.   The method of claim 40, wherein said video is displayed to said user by said user

2   terminal substantially as said video is received by said user terminal.

1   42.   The method of claim 39, wherein a contest selected by said user is a contest that

2   has yet been completed and said video is live video of said selected contest.

1   43.   The method of claim 39, wherein said video is transmitted to said user terminal if

2   said user has placed a wager on a contest selected by said user.

1   44.   The method of claim 31, wherein said contest is a horse racing contest.

1   45.   The method of claim 44, wherein the step of transmitting said listing includes the

2   steps of:

3   transmitting race entry data through a computer network to a user terminal,

4   wherein said race entry data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race

5   entry data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of scheduled races at each of

6   said tracks, and a listing of original entries in each of said races;

7   transmitting race program data through said computer network to said user

8   terminal, wherein said race program data are displayed to said user by said user terminal,

9   said race program data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of currently

10   scheduled races at each of said tracks, and a listing of current entries in each of said races;

11   transmitting live odds through said computer network to said user terminal for

12   races included within said race program data which are open for wagering and for which

13   live odds are available, wherein said live odds are displayed to said user by said user

14   terminal; and

15   updating through said computer network said live odds transmitted to said user

16   terminal at predetermined time intervals, wherein said updated live odds are displayed to

17   said user by said user terminal.

46.   The method of claim 45, wherein said program data includes post times for said
currently scheduled races, the method further comprising the steps of prompting said user
to select a time zone for displaying post times for said currently scheduled races and
causing said post times for said currently scheduled races to be expressed in a selected
time zone when displayed to said user by said user terminal.

47.   The method of claim 45, further comprising the step of prompting said user to
select a country before transmitting said race entry data and race program data, said
transmitted race entry data and said transmitted race program data identifying races from
a country selected by said user.

48.   The method of claim 44, further comprising the steps of:

2   transmitting through said computer network to said user terminal a search board,

3   wherein said search board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said search

4   board prompting said user to select a search of racing data for races having entries

5   including a horse, jockey, trainer, or combination thereof selected by said user; and

6   transmitting through said computer network to said user terminal results of a

7   search selected by said user, wherein said results are displayed to said user by said user

8   terminal, said results identifying races including a horse, jockey, or trainer, or

9   combination thereof selected by said user in said search.

1   49.   The method of claim 44, further comprising the steps of:

2   transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal,

3   wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board

4   including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

5   prompting said user to search said listing for races having at least one race

6   characteristic; and

7   causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected

8   by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to

9   said user by said user terminal.

50.   The method of claim 49, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race

2   sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-

3   time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim

4   maximum, chute, simulcast, or combination thereof.

1   51.   The method of claim 44, further comprising the steps of:

2   transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal,

3   wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board

4   including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

5   prompting said user to organize said listing by at least one race characteristic; and

6   causing said listing to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user,

7   wherein said race board organized by a race characteristic selected by said user is

8   displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   52.   The method of claim 51, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race

2   sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number or runners, breed, sex, race name, post-

3   time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim

4   maximum, chute, or simulcast.

1   53.   The method of claim 44, further comprising the steps of:

2   prompting said user to select a date within a predefined time period;

3   transmitting a track board through said computer network to said user terminal,

4   wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board

5   including a listing of tracks and a listing of races at said tracks for a date selected by said

6   user;

7   distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as completed, open

8   for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

9   prompting said user to select a race from a track in said listing;

10   displaying results data a race selected by said user to said user with said user

11   terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

12   displaying said race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with

13   said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

14   displaying said race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with

15   said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

1   54.   The method of claims 44, further comprising the steps of updating the statuses of

2   said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.

55. The method of claim 44, wherein said statuses are distinguished by color.

56. A method of wagering on a contest, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a listing of at least one contest which has not been completed through a computer network to a user terminal, wherein said listing is displayed to a user by said user terminal;

prompting said user with said user terminal to select a contest from said listing;

transmitting wagering data for a contest selected by said user through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said wagering data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said wagering data including live odds for said contest;

prompting said user with said user terminal to select a wager on a contest selected by said user; and

receiving a wager selected by said user from said user terminal through said computer network.

57. The method of claims 56, further comprising the steps of maintaining a wagering account for said user and adjusting said wagering account to reflect an outcome of said wager selected by said user.

58. The method of claim 56, wherein said contest is a horse racing contest, a dog racing contest, an automobile racing contest, a basketball contest, a football contest, a soccer contest, a hockey contest, a baseball contest, a golf contest, a tennis contest, or a jaialai contest.

59. The method of claim 56, wherein said wagering data further comprises opening odds.

60.   The method of claim 56, further comprising the step of updating said live odds at predetermined time intervals, wherein said updated live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

61.   A method of providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a computer network, comprising the steps of:

transmitting through said computer network to a user terminal a search board, wherein said search board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said search board prompting said user to select a search of racing data for races having entries including a horse, jockey, or trainer or combination thereof selected by said user; and

transmitting through said computer network to said user terminal results of a search selected by said user, wherein said results are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said results identifying races including a horse, jockey, or trainer or combination thereof selected by said user in said search.

62.   The method of claim 61, further comprising the step of causing said search results to be organizable by track, date, race, class, purse, distance, surface, simulcast track, post position, horse, weight, claim amount, equipment, medication, jockey, trainer, morning line odds, or horse owner, or combination thereof.

63.   The method of claim 61, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to select a horse, a jockey, or a trainer from said search results and transmitting statistical data for a horse, jockey, or trainer selected by said user through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said statistical data are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

64.   The method of claim 61, further comprising the steps of:
transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal,

3   wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board

4   including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

5   prompting said user to search said listing for races having at least one race

6   characteristic; and

7   causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected

8   by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to

9   said user by said user terminal.

1   65.   The method of claim 64, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race

2   sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-

3   time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim

4   maximum, chute, simulcast, or combination thereof.

66.   The method of claim 61, further comprising the steps of:

            transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal,

wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board

including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

            prompting said user to organize said listing by at least one race characteristic; and

            causing said listing to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user,

wherein said race board organized by a race characteristic selected by said user is

8   displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   67.   The method of claim 66, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race

2   sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number or runners, breed, sex, race name, post-

3   time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim

4   maximum, chute, or simulcast.

1   68.   The method of claim 61, further comprising the steps of:

2   prompting said user to select a date within a predefined time period;

3   transmitting a track board through said computer network to said user terminal,

4   wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board

5   including a listing of tracks and a listing of races at said tracks for a date selected by said

6   user;

7   distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as completed, open

8   for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

9   prompting said user to select a race from a track in said listing;

10   displaying results data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user

11   terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

12   displaying said race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with

13   said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

14   displaying said race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with

15   said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

1   69.   The method of claims 68, further comprising the steps of updating the statuses of

2   said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.

1   70.   A method of providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a

2   computer network, comprising the steps of:

3   transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal,

4   wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board

5   including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

6   prompting said user to search said listing according to at least one race

7   characteristic; and

8   causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected

9   by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to

10   said user by said user terminal.

71. The method of claim 70, wherein said preselected race characteristic includes race class, race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim maximum, chute, simulcast, or combination thereof.

72. The method of claim 71, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to organize said search results according to at least one of said race characteristics, and causing said search results to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results organized by an organization selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

73. The method of claim 70, further comprising the steps of:

prompting said user to select a date within a predefined time period;

transmitting a track board through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board including a listing of tracks and a listing of races at said tracks for a date selected by said user;

distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as completed, open for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

prompting said user to select a race from a track in said listing;

displaying results data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

displaying said race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

displaying said race entry data for a race selected to said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

74.   The method of claims 73, further comprising the steps of updating the statuses of said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.

75.   A method of providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a computer network, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

prompting said user to organize said race board according to at least one race characteristic; and

causing said listing to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein said race board organized by a race characteristic selected by said user is displayed to said user by said user terminal.

76.   The method of claim 75, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number or runners, breed, sex, race name, post-time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim maximum, chute, or simulcast.

77.   The method of claim 75, further comprising the step of prompting said user to search said race board for races by at least one of said race characteristics and causing said race board to be searchable by a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

78.   The method of claim 75, further comprising the steps of:

prompting said user to select a date within a predetermined time period;

transmitting a track board through said computer network to said user terminal,

4 wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board

5 including a listing of tracks and a listing of races at said tracks for a date selected by said

6 user;

7 distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as completed, open

8 for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

9 prompting a user to select a race from a track in said listing;

10 displaying results data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user

11 terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

12 displaying said race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with

13 said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

14 displaying said race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with

15 said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

79. The method of claims 78, further comprising the steps of updating the statuses of

said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.

80. A method of providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a

computer network, comprising the step of:

transmitting a track board through said computer network to a user terminal,

wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board

5 including a listing of tracks and a listing of races scheduled at said tracks for a date within

6 a predetermined time period, said races distinguished from each other to said user by

7 status as completed, open for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

8 prompting said user to select a race from a track in said listing;

9 displaying results data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user

10 terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

11 displaying race program data and odds data for a race selected by said user to said

12 user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

13   displaying race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with said

14   user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

1   81.   The method of claims 80, further comprising the steps of updating the statuses of

2   said races on said status board at predetermined time intervals.

1   82.   The method of claim 80, wherein said statuses are distinguished by color.

1   83.   The method of claim 80, wherein said track board includes weather condition data

2   for at least one track.

1   84.   The method of claim 80, wherein said odds data include live odds, the method

2   further comprising the step of updating said live odds at predetermined time intervals,

3   wherein updated live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1   85.   The method of claim 80, further comprising the step of distinguishing said races

2   from each other to said user by status as closed for wagering with results not yet

3   available, open for wagering with live odds available, and open for wagering with live

4   odds not available.

1   86.   An interactive wagering system comprising:

2   a server accessible through a computer network for providing wagering services,

3   said server comprising:

4   means for connecting to said computer network;

5   means for transmitting a listing of at least one contest which has not been

6   completed through said computer network to a user terminal, wherein said listing is

7   displayed to a user by said user terminal;

8   means for prompting said user to select with said user terminal a contest

12   means for transmitting live odds through said computer network for races

13 included within said race program data which are open for wagering and for which live

14 odds are available; and

15   means for updating through said computer network said live odds said live odds

16 transmitted to said user terminal at predetermined time intervals.

1 90. The method of claim 86, further comprising means for storing a video clip of a

2 contest and means for transmitting said stored video clip through said computer network

3 to said user terminal.

1 91. The method of claim 86, further comprising means for providing live video of a

2 contest through said computer network to said user terminal.